

DATE:

October 16, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, October 15, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 16, 2016.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

CRCC STATUS:

Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center (CRCC) Activation: None

County EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management Team – Mission Capable

PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Urban Search & Rescue – Overnighting at Quantico, VA

PA-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0544 hours – 1,995
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

WATER RESCUE – Allegheny County, 10/16/16 – A male fleeing from local police after involvement in a hit and run of a pedestrian jumped into the river in Tarentum Borough.

Fire department boats are using sonar to sweep the area. A dive team has been notified to respond to the scene. The U.S. Coast Guard was requested to limit river traffic in the area.

TRANSFORMER FIRE – Jefferson County, 10/16/16 – A transformer fire at the Penelec Substation on Madison Avenue in Brookville Borough has caused widespread power outages affecting 1300 customers in Brookville Borough, Knox Township, Pine Creek Township, and Rose Township. The Jefferson County 911 Call Center and the Jefferson County Prison also lost power and are operating on generators. Traffic lights are out throughout Brookville Borough. County EMA is coordinating the response. Penelec has crews on scene working on repairs. Replacement of the transformer and repairs are estimated to be completed by 1500 today.

AIRCRAFT INCIDENT – Carbon County, 10/15/16 – A single engine aircraft crashed into a wooded area off of Pawnee Trail in Kidder Township. Two persons onboard suffered non-life threatening injuries. The Civil Air Patrol is providing ground security until the National Transportation Safety Board personnel arrive to investigate the crash.

EMAC MISSIONS – HURRICANE MATTHEW, 10/5/16 - PA Hart helicopter and ground crew were demobilized from South Carolina and returned to Pennsylvania on 10/11/16. The State Meteorologist returned from Florida Tuesday, 10/11/16. PA-Task Force 1 has transitioned from a Type 1 FEMA US&R Task Force to a Type 3 FEMA US&R Task Force; 35 members have demobilized and are back in the Commonwealth. PA-Task Force 1 (Type 3) is returning home and is overnighing at Quantico, Virginia in route back to Pennsylvania.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Fayette County, 8/28/16 – Heavy rains caused flood damage to residences and businesses in several areas in Fayette County. Most of the flooding occurred in the area of Connellsville. Monetary and material donations continue to be received by Connellsville Area Community Ministries for victims. A distribution center has been opened in the closed East Side Fire Station for distribution of the donated items. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved Fayette County a disaster area effective 9/20/16. The SBA has established a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the Fayette EMS base in Connellsville which opened on 9/22/16 at 10 a.m. The Greater Connellsville Flood Recovery Center will open on 10/3/16 at 202 North Pittsburgh Street in Connellsville City. The County Declaration expired at midnight 10/4/16 for the flooding event. The County EMA will continue to assist in the long-term recovery activities.

CLOSED:

PEDESTRIAN/TRAIN ACCIDENT – Allegheny County, 10/15/16 – A 17 year old female was run over by a train at the Oakmont Country Club North Pedestrian Bridge in Plum Borough. The patient was pinned under the train and had to be extricated and air transported to Forbes Hospital. The train line was closed for four hours.

ROAD CLOSURE – Chester County, 10/15/16 - A multi vehicle accident occurred on US-1 Northbound and the intersection of PA 41 at Mile Marker 16 in Avondale Borough. An effective detour was implemented. The roadway was opened for traffic after three hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

9/20/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14857 and #14858) for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Westmoreland, and Washington counties for damages during the flash flooding event on 8/28/16. The effective date is 9/20/16 and termination date for applications is 11/21/16. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 6/20/17.

8/10/2016 – The Borough Council Members of Albion Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough, due to a drought/water emergency. Declaration extended during September Borough meeting.

7/19/2016 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued a SBA disaster declaration for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties for damages during the flooding event on June 17, 2016. The effective date is 7/19/16 and termination date for applications for Disaster Home Loans and Disaster Business Loans has passed. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 4/19/17.

3/23/16 - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to supplement commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm which occurred January 22-23, 2016. The designation is FEMA-4267-DR.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware:	No significant events at this time.
Maryland:	MEMA is standing up to level III from 0800 to 1600 until 10/17/16 for Fleet Week.
New Jersey:	No significant events at this time.
New York:	No significant events at this time.
Ohio:	No significant events at this time.
West Virginia:	No significant events at this time.

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0534 hours, 10/16/16

A weakening and slow moving cold front approaching from the Great Lake region will stall out close to the Pennsylvania and New York border on Monday. This front could bring a few showers to mainly the northern half of Pennsylvania late today and Monday. A thunderstorm is also possible during the midday and afternoon Monday across the northern half of the state.

Much warmer air will overspread the region for Monday through Wednesday with temperatures soaring into the lower to mid-70s across the mountains of the north and west, and just over 80 in the Southern Valleys and Susquehanna Valley region.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

